

ENTERED

September 18, 2019

David J. Bradley, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

FREDERICK MORRIS,

Defendant.

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CRIMINAL ACTION NO. H-19-450-2

ORDER ACCEPTING GUILTY PLEA AND FINDING OF GUILT

The United States Magistrate Judge has submitted her Report and Recommendation that this court accept the guilty plea of Frederick Morris and find him guilty of Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

After the *de novo* review required under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), this court finds that the record and law support the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation. The court accepts the Report and Recommendation.

Accordingly, the court finds that the defendant, Frederick Morris, is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that he is aware of the nature of the charges made against him and the consequences of his plea, and that his guilty plea is knowing and voluntary and supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense with which he is charged.

The defendant, Frederick Morris, is **GUILTY** of the offense of Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

SIGNED on September 18, 2019, at Houston, Texas.



Lee H. Rosenthal
Chief United States District Judge